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(U) Lompoc - Police Seize Guns, Detail Gang-Related Arrests

(U) A nearly month-long investigation that stemmed from a fight at a Lompoc bar resulted in one of the largest weapon seizures in the history of the Lompoc Police Department and the arrests of three suspected gang members believed to be involved in several shootings around the city, Police Chief Pat Walsh announced yesterday. Walsh held a press conference yesterday afternoon to discuss the many facets of the gang-related investigation, which resulted in the arrests of three of four suspects and the seizure of 10 firearms and nearly 900 rounds of ammunition. All four men have prior gang-related and violent crime convictions, and Walsh said that detectives have reason to believe the four are involved in several shootings around the city this summer, including an Independence Day incident that left three men injured.

SOURCE: 27 September 2017, Lompoc Record

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - FBI has 1,000 Open Investigations into White Supremacy, Domestic Terror

(U) Washington – The FBI has about 1,000 open investigations into potential domestic terrorists, including people who may be linked to extremist white supremacy, white nationalism and environmental movements, the agency's new chief, Christopher Wray, told Congress yesterday. During his first testimony as FBI director, Wray said domestic terrorism is very serious matter that the investigative agency spends "a lot of our time focused on." In the past year alone, 176 people in the US have been arrested on suspicion of links to domestic terrorism, he said.

SOURCE: 27 September 2017, ABC News

(U) Oklahoma – Sonic Drive-In Suffers Data Breach

(U) Oklahoma City – Customers of the fast food chain Sonic may be the victims of another credit card data breach being made public. According to reports, as many as five million customers could possibly have been affected by the breach. The invasion of privacy may have affected customers across that entire country as Sonic operates over 3,000 fast food drive-ins in 45 states.

SOURCE: 27 September 2017, CBS News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Israel – Israel says it Foiled ISIS-Inspired Attack at Holy Site

(U) Jerusalem – Israel said today it had thwarted a plan by two Israeli Arabs with ISIS sympathies to mount an attack at a contested Jerusalem holy site where a July gun ambush set off a wave of violence. The Shin Bet security service described the suspects, aged 26 and 16, as residents of the same Israeli Arab town as three gunmen who on 14 July killed two police guards at a gate to Al-Aqsa mosque compound and were then shot dead. The two suspects taken into custody this month support ISIS' "murderous ideology and the terrorist attack was meant to be carried out in expression of this", the Shin Bet said in its statement.

SOURCE: 28 September 2017, Reuters

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(U) Mexico – 14 People Shot Dead at Rehab Center

(U) Chihuahua – Fourteen people were shot dead on 26 September at a drug rehabilitation center in northern Mexico as part of a territory fight between two criminal gangs, a spokesman for the state attorney general's office said. The shooting took place in the Rosario neighborhood in the city of Chihuahua, the capital of the border state Chihuahua, and left 14 people dead and 8 injured, spokesman Carlos Huerta said yesterday. The so-called Aztecas street gang attacked the rehab center where some members of rival group Los Mexicles, associated with the powerful Sinaloa cartel, were located, Huerta said. The two groups are wings of cartels fighting over drug distribution routes, particularly for crystal meth.

SOURCE: 27 September 2017, Reuters

(U) Nigeria – Cameroon Illegally Departed 100,000 Nigerian Refugees: Rights Group

(U) Abuja – Cameroon has broken international law by forcibly deporting at least 100,000 Nigerians who had fled there to escape Boko Haram militants, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said yesterday. HRW said the expulsions reported since 2015 were one of the largest illegal forced repatriations it had seen in recent years, and were in "flagrant breach" of global and Cameroonian law. Boko Haram militants have killed tens of thousands in their fight to carve out an Islamist state in northeast Nigeria. The violence has forced hundreds of thousands to flee, many across the border into Cameroon, Chad and Niger. SOURCE: 27 September 2017, Reuters

(U) Spain – Belgian Police Arrest Spanish ISIS Suspect

(U) Madrid – Spanish police say Belgian agents have arrested a Spaniard suspected of leading a cell that worked to recruit and indoctrinate members for ISIS. A National Police statement said the 26-year-old of Moroccan origin was arrested yesterday in the city of Zaventem. It said he was the last part of a five-member Belgian-based cell and its chief provider of propaganda material, using his house and cafes for meetings. Police said the group started in 2014. Three members, including the detainee's brother, were arrested by Spanish police over the past two years and one was arrested in Morocco. It said the Spaniard maintained contact with ISIS combatants and tried twice to travel to conflict zones. He then concentrated the group's efforts in locating targets for attacks in Belgium.

SOURCE: 27 September 2017, <u>Associated Press</u>

(U) United Kingdom - Eleven Alleged Members of Neo-Nazi Group Arrested on Terror Charges

(U) London – Eleven men have been arrested across England and Wales as part of an investigation into the banned neo-Nazi terrorist group National Action, police said yesterday. Six men were arrested in northwest England—including one suspect who was already in prison—two in Wales, two in West Yorkshire, and one in Wiltshire. All were detained on suspicion of membership of a proscribed organization, while some were also held on suspicion of preparation of terrorist act, funding terrorism and possession of terrorism material/documents. The arrests come after three alleged members of National Action, including two serving British soldiers, appeared in court charged with terror offenses last week.

SOURCE: 27 September 2017, International Business Times

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